

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-12. (Canceled)

13. **(Currently Amended)** A hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor comprising:

a compressor element elastically supported in an enclosed container;

a cup-shaped stopper fixed to an inner upper part of said enclosed container, said cup-shaped stopper having a curved convex linear protrusion extending inwardly from an inner peripheral surface of said cup-shaped stopper;

a crankshaft associated with said compressor element, with an upper end portion of said crankshaft extending into said cup-shaped stopper, and being spaced from said inner peripheral surface of said cup-shaped stopper with no structure existing between said upper end portion and said inner peripheral surface, such that said upper end portion of said crank shaft is designedarranged to contact said curvedconvex linear protrusion and said inner peripheral surface upon oscillation of said compressor element; and

a motor element for driving said compressor element.

14. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 13, wherein

 said curved convex linear protrusion has an apex and flanks on opposite sides of said apex, with said flanks each havehaving a radius of curvature such that a center of the radius of curvature is positioned outside of said cup-shaped stopper.

15. **(Previously Presented)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 14, wherein

 said flanks are generally symmetrical relative to one another about said apex.

16. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor

according to claim 15, wherein

 said cup-shaped stopper comprises a ring member, and

 said curved-convex linear protrusion is formed by deforming an outer peripheral portion of said ring member such that a resulting deformation of an inner peripheral portion of said ring member corresponds to said curved-convex linear protrusion.

17. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 15, wherein

 said curved-convex linear protrusion extends along an axial direction of said cup-shaped stopper.

18. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 15, wherein

 said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston for reciprocating within said compressor chamber in back and forth directions, and

 said curved-convex linear protrusion extends generally orthogonal to the back and forth directions.

19. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 14, wherein

 said cup-shaped stopper comprises a ring member, and

 said curvedconvex linear protrusion is formed by deforming an outer peripheral portion of said ring member such that a resulting deformation of an inner peripheral portion of said ring member corresponds to said curvedconvex linear protrusion.

20. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 14, wherein

 said curved-convex linear protrusion extends along an axial direction of said cup-shaped stopper.

21. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 14, wherein

 said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston for reciprocating within said compressor chamber in back and forth directions, and

 said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion extends generally orthogonal to the back and forth directions.

22. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 13, wherein

 said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion has an apex and flanks on opposite sides of said apex, with said flanks being generally symmetrical relative to one another about said apex.

23. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 22, wherein

 said cup-shaped stopper comprises a ring member, and

 said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion is formed by deforming an outer peripheral portion of said ring member such that a resulting deformation of an inner peripheral portion of said ring member corresponds to said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion.

24. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 22, wherein

 said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion extends along an axial direction of said cup-shaped stopper.

25. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 22, wherein

 said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston for reciprocating within said compressor chamber in back and forth directions, and

said curved convex linear protrusion extends generally orthogonal to the back and forth directions.

26. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 13, wherein

 said cup-shaped stopper comprises a ring member, and

 said curved convex linear protrusion is formed by deforming an outer peripheral portion of said ring member such that a resulting deformation of an inner peripheral portion of said ring member corresponds to said curved convex linear protrusion.

27. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 26, wherein

 said curved convex linear protrusion extends along an axial direction of said cup-shaped stopper.

28. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 26, wherein

 said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston for reciprocating within said compressor chamber in back and forth directions, and

 said curved convex linear protrusion extends generally orthogonal to the back and forth directions.

29. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 13, wherein

 said curved convex linear protrusion extends along an axial direction of said cup-shaped stopper.

30. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 29, wherein

said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston for reciprocating within said compressor chamber in back and forth directions, and

 said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion extends generally orthogonal to the back and forth directions.

31. **(Currently Amended)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 13, wherein

 said compressor element includes a compressor chamber and a piston for reciprocating within said compressor chamber in back and forth directions, and

 said ~~curved~~convex linear protrusion extends generally orthogonal to the back and forth directions.

32. **(Previously Presented)** The hermetically sealed electrically driven compressor according to claim 13, wherein

 said inner peripheral surface of said cup-shaped stopper comprises an innermost peripheral surface of said cup-shaped stopper.